

EDITORIAL

Every little bit helps

The refugee problem has been with us a long time. And it isn't getting any better. The question that we as citizens of the seventh richest nation in the world, should ask ourselves is: What can Canada do for refugees?

Should we send them back to their homelands? Once back in their country of origin a refugee may face persecution, torture or even death solely because they hold a contrary belief.

In the past we have adopted this "send them home" policy. And look what happened! In the 1930's a boat load of Jewish refugees seeking a haven where they would be safe from persecution were turned away from both Canada and the United States. Their fate was to return to Germany where they perished in the Holocaust.

We as Canadians should open our door to refugees, instead of adopting the "not in my backyard" attitude. Canadians could show genuine concern for refugees if our government had a policy that addressed the special circumstances refugees often find themselves in. Their policy would be able to weed out those bogus claims without refusing the application of those who need help the most.

Being a former colony herself, Canada, is not directly responsible for the plight that many refugees find themselves in today. But being a country rich in resources, the Canadian people have an obligation to alleviate some of the suffering that is so much of a way of life for displaced persons and refugees. Though our reputation is second to none we can't afford to rest on our laurels. The refugee camps of South East Asia, Africa, and Lebanon are overflowing, think of what we, as Canadians can do to end the suffering of refugees desperately searching for a place to call home!



Mugwump
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Journal

Last year, I heard that they were developing a new Star Trek series. After watching the first half of the series, I'm impressed. They've successfully made the series stand on its own. It's now the 2nd highest rated syndicated T.V. show. However, I've got a few complaints. The kid, Wesley Crusher, has to die, preferably in some slow and horrible manner. Commander Riker has to come off his godlike image and the councillor has to liven up a bit. My real big complaint is, you can't play the Star Trek drinking game. There's no more famous lines like, "He's dead Jim, Beam me up Scotty and Kirk to Enterprise". These are lines that made Star Trek legendary.

He shoots, he scores, especially in French Canada. It seems they're been showing boobs on this show up in Quebec, but we in English Canada get the censored versions. Why? Is it because we can't handle it. English people and naked breasts, shock, horror. The thought of sitting down, watching the boobtube and see people cavorting around in hot tubs, sounds interesting. Real interesting. Why should French people see this and not us. Sounds like discrimination against English people.

To Criterion Pictures, thanks for losing the film "Mosquito Coast".

Back to the condoms, had a girl in my room last weekend. Spent a few hours together. Never again will I by multi-colored condoms. She thought they were balloons. Never again. . .

(Kelly: You owe me a beer.)

(Judy: Thanks for the beer.)

(Marilyn: See you next weekend.)

(Cheryl: Tough bananas.)

(Vanessa: Get a hotel room.)

(Martha: I've got the hot oil, phone 453-4983).

(Gill: To Demolition Drinking).

On to Russ King. Earlier this week, Russ paid a visit to our beloved SUB. Hey Russ, for a politician, your little speech came across as ineffectual, unknowledgable and non-committal. Gee Russ, you win the Student Appreciation Award of the Week. If you want to get re-elected, don't see us. Obviously you haven't heard the slogan "you deserve a break today".

Next weekend, another Tim and Mark production hits UNB. 5 Bands, cheap tickets, go for it.

To all those people who are looking for yearbooks. We, are not the yearbook office, and we don't know when they'll be in. Go away.

Back to the condoms, they stretch you know.

I was talking to a person several days ago. She didn't know that Paul McCartney was in a band before Wings.

I hear our counterpart is Saint John. Andrew McKenna, Editor of the Baron resigned. It seems he didn't want to spend 50-60 hours per issue. We're sorry to see him go.

Form Blazing Ewok. Those of you who watch Saturday morning cartoons will understand. The pure drive that appears these days as entertainment is astounding. Every show is really a giant commercial made for the express purpose of selling their product. They all involve giant killer robots or small blue critters who break the law. That's right, the Smurfs are law breakers. They're thieves.

The lowest form of skum, our children look up to them.

Went to the Social Club to watch football on Sunday. They ran out of beer. Too busy a weekend. Looks like things are turning around up there.

One thing I can't understand is why bank robbery is illegal. After all, nobody really loses any money. It's covered by insurance so no one is really hurt by the loss. It gives the cops a chance to practice their skills. Newspapers sell more copies because people get excited and want to read about the event. The money is reinvested in the economy thus creating a small economic boom.

Word of the Week: Poor: the undesirable state of having no money. See students next year after the Liberal government has their say.